

MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: June 18, 2003
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: DLNR Board Room
Kalanimoku Bldg.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peter T. Young called the meeting of the Commission on Water Resource Management to order at 9:10 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Mr. Peter T. Young, Dr. Chiyome Fukino, Ms. Meredith Ching, Mr. Clayton Dela Cruz, Mr. Brian Nishida, and Mr. Monty Richards

STAFF: Dean Nakano, Roy Hardy, Ed Sakoda, Glenn Bauer, David Higa, Neal Fujii, Ryan Imata, Tiffany Mathias

COUNSEL: Jean P. Creadick

OTHERS: Rick Spencer, Thomas Behnke, Leslie Kurisaki, Gerald Pang, Neal Fukumoto, Jonathan Scheuer, Manabu Tagomori, Neil Hannahs, Kapua Sproat, and Ron Englund

All written testimonies submitted at the meeting are filed in the Commission office and are available for review by interested parties. The items were not taken in the order posted on the agenda.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

No recommended change at this time unless there is a request by the commissioners.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 21, 2003

MOTION: (Richards/Dela Cruz)
To approve the minutes.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

E. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Peter Young honored the two outgoing Commissioners, Mr. Brian Nishida and Mr. Herbert Richards, Jr. Both Commissioners expressed their enjoyment working with the CWRM staff.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Ed Sakoda introduced the Kamehameha Schools staff that consisted of Manabu Tagomori, Neil Hannahs and Jonathan Scheuer. Ron Englund of the Bishop Museum gave a PowerPoint presentation on the update on the Lalakea Alternative Mitigation Project.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Application for a Stream Channel Alteration Permit (SCAP-355), State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Replace a Culvert at Hospital Ditch and a Bridge at Ohia Stream (Kii Bridge), Kahuku, Oahu (TMK (1) 5-6-02: 17 & 25; 5-6-6: 54)**

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: Ed Sakoda

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission:

Approve a stream channel alteration permit to construct a highway culvert crossing at Hospital Ditch and a bridge at Kii Stream, Kahuku, Oahu (TMK (1) 5-6-02: 17 & 25; 5-6-6: 54). The permit will be valid for two (2) years subject to our standard permit conditions in Exhibit 4 and the following special condition:

“The applicant shall develop a revegetation plan with the assistance of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The revegetation plan shall be implemented through the Best Management Practice Plan administered through the Section 401 Water Quality Certification or Section 402 of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.”

TESTIMONY BY APPLICANT:

Mr. Rick Spencer from the Kahuku Task Flood Force spoke about the flooding still being a concern because the channel is overgrown by vegetation.

MOTION: (Richards/DelaCruz)

To approve the submittal.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

- 2. Hawaiian Marine Enterprises, APPLICATION FOR A WATER USE PERMIT, HME-1 Well (Well No. 4157-12), TMK 5-6-2: 009, Future (Aquaculture) Use for 0.300 mgd, Koolauloa Ground Water Management Area, Oahu**

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTAL: Ryan Imata**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the issuance of water use permit no. 467 to Hawaiian Marine Enterprises for the reasonable and beneficial use of 0.300 million gallons per day of water for Aquaculture from the HME-1 Well (Well No. 4157-12), subject to the standard water use permit conditions listed in Attachment B and the following special conditions:

1. Should an alternate permanent source of water be found for this use, then the Commission reserves the right to revoke this permit, after a hearing.
2. In the event that the tax map key at the location of the water use is changed, the permittee shall notify the Commission in writing of the tax map key change within thirty (30) days after the permittee receives notice of the tax map key change.

TESTIMONY BY APPLICANT:

Mr. Rick Spencer from Hawaiian Marine Enterprise requested an amendment from 300,000 gpd to 450,000 gpd. Mr. Ernie Lau recommended that the applicant make a new application for 450,000 gpd at a later date.

MOTION: (Ching/Nishida)

To approve the submittal

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

H. REPORTS

Ed Sakoda summarized the Commission's Staff's field investigation of the flow restoration project on Waikane Stream. The Waiahole D & O required the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to return water to Waikane Stream by September 2002.

- The Commission, on September 18, 2002, extended the deadline for project completion to November 22, 2002.
- On November 9, 2002, Alfredo Lee of ADC informed the Commission that the project was completed.
- A field visit was conducted on May 30, 2003 by Commission staff, ADC and the Waiahole Water System personnel.
- The reading on the staff gage, 1.13 ft., corresponded to 3.085 million gallons per day (mgd).
- The Commission, in the December 2001 D & O, ordered ADC to add 2.1 mgd to the current base flow (1.4 mgd), plus an additional 0.9 mgd of any water not consumed or needed for day-to-day operations.
- Therefore, 3 mgd ($2.1 + 0.9 = 3.0$) is the correct amount of water that should be added to Waikane Stream as ordered by the Commission.

Neal Fujii, State Drought Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the background of the Hawaii Drought Council and the Hawaii Drought Plan. The presentation also went on to highlight the current drought conditions across the state and included an update on drought planning activities that CWRM Staff has accomplished as well as those that are currently ongoing. Also under consideration is the establishment of a Drought Committee.

Monty Richards commented and said, “that we must be prepared and have people in place before the Drought Program. We have to keep it up and in front of people...now is the time, not in January when it’s raining.”

I TOPICS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii/Turner Drilling Application for After-The-Fact Pump Installation Permit, Cogen Saltwater Well (Well No. 5751-02), Pump installation: 3600 gpm for Industrial Use, TMK 6-8-22: 08, the Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii will discussed at the July/August, 2003 meeting.

J. NEXT COMMISSION MEETINGS (TENTATIVE)

1. Wednesday, July 16, 2003
2. Wednesday, August 20, 2003

K. UPCOMING EVENTS

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULYNE ANAKALEA
Secretary

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

ERNEST Y.W. LAU
Deputy Director